

ORDINANCE NO. 14821

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 55 - 2010

INTRODUCED BY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

AN ORDINANCE

Creates a special revenue fund entitled Revolving Loan Fund (fund 008) in the 2010 Budget and, in addition, provides a supplemental appropriation of Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000) Dollars in Housing Redevelopment Assistance (HRA) funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. These funds will be loaned to provide funding opportunities for development projects throughout the City. Initially, these funds will be utilized for the purpose of developing the upper-floor housing at 809-813 Hamilton Street within the City's Central Business District.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes the creation of and increase in the unappropriated balance of the Revolving Loan Fund in the amount of Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000) Dollars reflecting receipt of HRA funding from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

SECTION TWO: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION THREE: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
W. Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Ray O'Connell	X	
Michael Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer	X	
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	7	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on September 15th and signed by the Mayor on September 17th, 2010.


CITY CLERK

- **What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?**

The Department of Community and Economic Development originates this bill. It is initiated by the interest to facilitate transformative development in the 800 block of Hamilton Street and provide more and new funding sources for developments around the city.

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The resolution creates a new Special Revenue Fund entitled Revolving Loan Fund (# 008) and permits the appropriation of the \$400,000 approved by PA DCED HRA funding to assist in the redevelopment of 809-813 Hamilton Street to be placed in this new fund.

- **Purpose**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seeks to accomplish?**

The resolution seeks to create fund that allows the city to have a revolving loan fund to assist development throughout the city and specifically begins with the project at 809-813 Hamilton Street.

- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this?**

By creating this fund the City is able to leverage state granted dollars given for a single development and use them over and over for other developments as they are repaid.

- **How does this Bill relate to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities?**

It remains the mission of the City to continually enhance and improve the central business district by improving the building stock, creating new and better space for retailers, and encourage residential occupancy. The fund creates more opportunities to do and this project proposes and promises to do all three. In addition, 809-813 Hamilton Street is already designated a KOZ property exemplifying its importance in the central business district.

- **Financial Impact**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**

There are no direct costs to the City.

- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

A critically important property in the central business district will be present new and exciting opportunities for the location of commercial and residential uses.

- **Funding Sources**

Make sure bill gives specific accounts if money is moved around

\$400,000 of HRA funds are to be appropriated into the newly created Revolving Loan Fund.

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

The developer is ready to begin the project once the funds are released.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

Council should unanimously support this bill because it will provide new funding opportunities for developments throughout the city, promotes development in the central business district, moves a KOZ project forward, offers opportunity for new residential units on Hamilton, and creates space for yet another restaurant to locate and be apart of Hamilton's restaurant row.